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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FUJIWARA ET AL.

Examiner

Michael B. Shingleton

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4, 5, 8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6 and 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 13, 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1-3, 6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Katz et al. 5,038,113(Katz).

Figure 11 of Katz discloses a predistortion circuit having an input terminal 90 for inputting a predetermined signal, a non-linear device 88 directly or indirectly connected to the input terminal, a bias supply circuit (Note V_{BIAS}) that applies a voltage to the non-linear device and a “specific” frequency suppressing means 1124 and 1125 connected to one side or both sides of the non-linear device 88 directly without another intervening device. The specific frequency suppressing means suppresses all or part of such frequencies that are from a frequency corresponding to DC to a frequency corresponding to an occupied bandwidth of an input signal inputted to the input terminal. Note that since elements 1124 and 1125 are inductors the DC/low frequency component will be suppressed, i.e. shorted to ground because an inductor is considered to be a short insofar as such a signal is concerned which is common engineering knowledge. The non-linear element clearly would present a much larger impedance at such frequencies. Element 92 is an output terminal that is connected to a power amplifier (See the paragraph bridging columns 4 and 5). Figure 11 of Katz clearly illustrates the nonlinear device as being provided between the connection point between the input terminal and the output terminal and the ground.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz et al. 5,038,113 (Katz) in view of Yun et al. 5,914,641 (Yun) and Fukuden 5,805,023 (Fukuden).

Figure 11 of Katz discloses a predistortion circuit having an input terminal 90 for inputting a predetermined signal, a non-linear device 88 directly or indirectly connected to the input terminal, a bias supply circuit (Note V_{BIAS}) that applies a voltage to the non-linear device and a "specific" frequency suppressing means 1124 and 1125 connected to one side or both sides of the non-linear device 88 directly without another intervening device. The specific frequency suppressing means suppresses all or part of such frequencies that are from a frequency corresponding to DC to a frequency corresponding to an occupied bandwidth of an input signal inputted to the input terminal. Note that since elements 1124 and 1125 are inductors the DC/low frequency component will be suppressed, i.e. shorted to ground because an inductor is considered to be a short insofar as such a signal is concerned which is common engineering knowledge. The non-linear element clearly would present a much larger impedance at such frequencies. Element 92 is an output terminal that is connected to a power amplifier (See the paragraph bridging columns 4 and 5). Figure 11 of Katz clearly illustrates the nonlinear device as being provided between the connection point between the input terminal and the output terminal and the ground. Katz is silent on the exact form of the power amplifier.

Figure 12 of the Fukuden reference discloses the same amplifier circuit as claimed except that the bias networks are not shown. Note that elements like 21, 21', 22, 22' of Fukuden meet the claimed limitations to the frequency suppressing means like that shown as elements 1307 and 1309 in the disclosed invention. The amplifier structure of Fukuden is a conventional art recognized equivalent amplifier structure. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have added the amplifier of Fukuden for the amplifier of Katz because, as the Katz is silent on the exact structure of the amplifier one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to use any art recognized equivalent amplifier circuit such as the conventional amplifier of Fukuden.

Yun discloses the conventional use of bias(supply) means VDD and VGG to supply the necessary biases to properly bias the transistor to the active region and accordingly to operate the transistor in the proper operation class.

Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the conventional bias supply means like that of Yun in Katz in combination with Fukuden above so as to properly bias the transistor to the active region and accordingly to operate the transistor in the proper operation class as taught by Yun.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz et al. 5,038,113(Katz).

Figure 11 of Katz discloses a predistortion circuit having an input terminal 90 for inputting a predetermined signal, a non-linear device 88 directly or indirectly connected to the input terminal, a bias supply circuit (Note V_{BIAS}) that applies a voltage to the non-linear device and a "specific" frequency suppressing means 1124 and 1125 connected to one side or both sides of the non-linear device 88 directly without another intervening device. The specific frequency suppressing means suppresses all or part of such frequencies that are from a frequency corresponding to DC to a frequency corresponding to an occupied bandwidth of an input signal inputted to the input terminal. Note that since elements 1124 and 1125 are inductors the DC/low frequency component will be suppressed, i.e. shorted to ground because an inductor is considered to be a short insofar as such a signal is concerned which is common engineering knowledge. The non-linear element clearly would present a much larger impedance at such frequencies. Element 92 is an output terminal that is connected to a power amplifier (See the paragraph bridging columns 4 and 5). Figure 11 of Katz clearly illustrates the nonlinear device as being provided between the connection point between the input terminal and the output terminal and the ground. The frequency suppressing means shown by Katz are only shown schematically as a single inductor. Katz is silent on the exact makeup of this inductor means.

Nevertheless, as one of ordinary skill in the art would have known, a plurality of lumped inductor components connected in series is the art recognized equivalent to a single inductor.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have replaced the individual inductor means 1124 and 1125 of Katz with a series combination of lumped inductor elements having the overall inductance of these elements because, as the Katz reference is silent on the exact makeup of the inductor arrangement in question one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to use any art-recognized equivalent inductor arrangement such as the conventionally known series combination of lumped inductor elements.

Claims 7, 13, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 15-19 are allowed.

Applicant's arguments filed 09-27-2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant believes that the chokes 1124 and 1125 of Katz can not suppress all or part of such frequencies that are from a frequency corresponding to DC to a frequency corresponding to an occupied band width of an input signal inputted to input port 90. Applicant recites that the "connection point at which it is connected is not lower than the impedance of the nonlinear device, as viewed from the same connection point, at all or part of such frequencies from the frequency corresponding to DC to the frequency corresponding to the occupied band width". The examiner respectfully disagrees. It is noted that applicant cannot provide support in the Katz reference for any specific values. As noted in the previous office action the DC will be shorted to ground via the inductors and DC is one of the frequencies within the range that applicant recites as to be suppressed. Also note that the nonlinear element 88 is a FET and accordingly there is a high impedance for DC between the drain/source and the gate of Katz. It appears that applicant is reading that the choke must suppress all the frequencies within the claimed frequency range. Such is not the case, for note the claimed term "part of". Thus Katz in suppressing one frequency within the claimed range is suppressing "part of" the claimed frequency range which is all that is required. Thus Katz meets the claim limitation. The examiner contends that not only is DC suppressed in Katz but low frequencies very close to DC are also suppressed.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael B. Shingleton whose telephone number is (571)272-1770. The examiner can

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normally be reached on Tues-Fri from 8:30 to 4:30. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays. The examiner normally has second ~~Fridays~~ ^{Monday} of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal, can be reached on (571)272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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